



# HSCRC Consumer Engagement Taskforce Meeting

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**primary care coalition**  
of Montgomery County, Maryland

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# About the Primary Care Coalition (PCC)



## **Vision:**

A community in which all residents have the opportunity to live healthy lives

Montgomery County: A model for providing access to high quality, efficient care for all.



## **Mission:**

Develop and coordinate a community-based health care system that strives for universal access and equity for low-income, uninsured, and ethnically diverse community members.



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# About the Primary Care Coalition (PCC)

## **Core competencies:**

- Collaboration
- Integration
- Process improvement

## **What We Do:**

- Foster and coordinate a high quality, efficient community-based health care system
- Strive for universal access and health equity for low-income uninsured and underinsured community members
- Create models for providing access to high quality and efficient care for all
- Administer public-private partnerships that provide health care for low-income, uninsured, ethnically diverse individuals



# H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners

## 2011

- Partnered with Montgomery County DHHS Aging and Disabilities, Holy Cross Hospital, and Housing Opportunities Commission to improve care transitions for dual eligible patients

## 2013

- Coalition formed with Delmarva
- 16 organizations and residents of Holly Hall
- Access to hospital Medicare admission and readmission data
- Small tests of change

## 2014

- Over 20 organizations representing multiple disciplines
- Change from Delmarva to VHQC
- Spread other senior housing units



# H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners

## **Mission:**

To improve the transition of care from hospital to community for residents of the region, thereby reducing preventable readmissions to acute care hospitals.

## **Purpose:**

- To build and sustain a community coalition with a focus on improving transitions of care.
- To be a vehicle for the patient and family voice.
- To encourage person-centered and person-directed models of care.
- To collaborate and encourage efforts of organizations with shared visions.
- To advance public policies that furthers the vision.
- To share Best Practices in caring for community residents.



# First Site-Holly Hall

96 units/112 Residents

On site resident counselor



## Race

- African American 49%
- Asia 18%
- White 32%
- Middle Eastern 1%

## Age

- < 60 years 17%
- > 60 years 83%

## Ethnicity

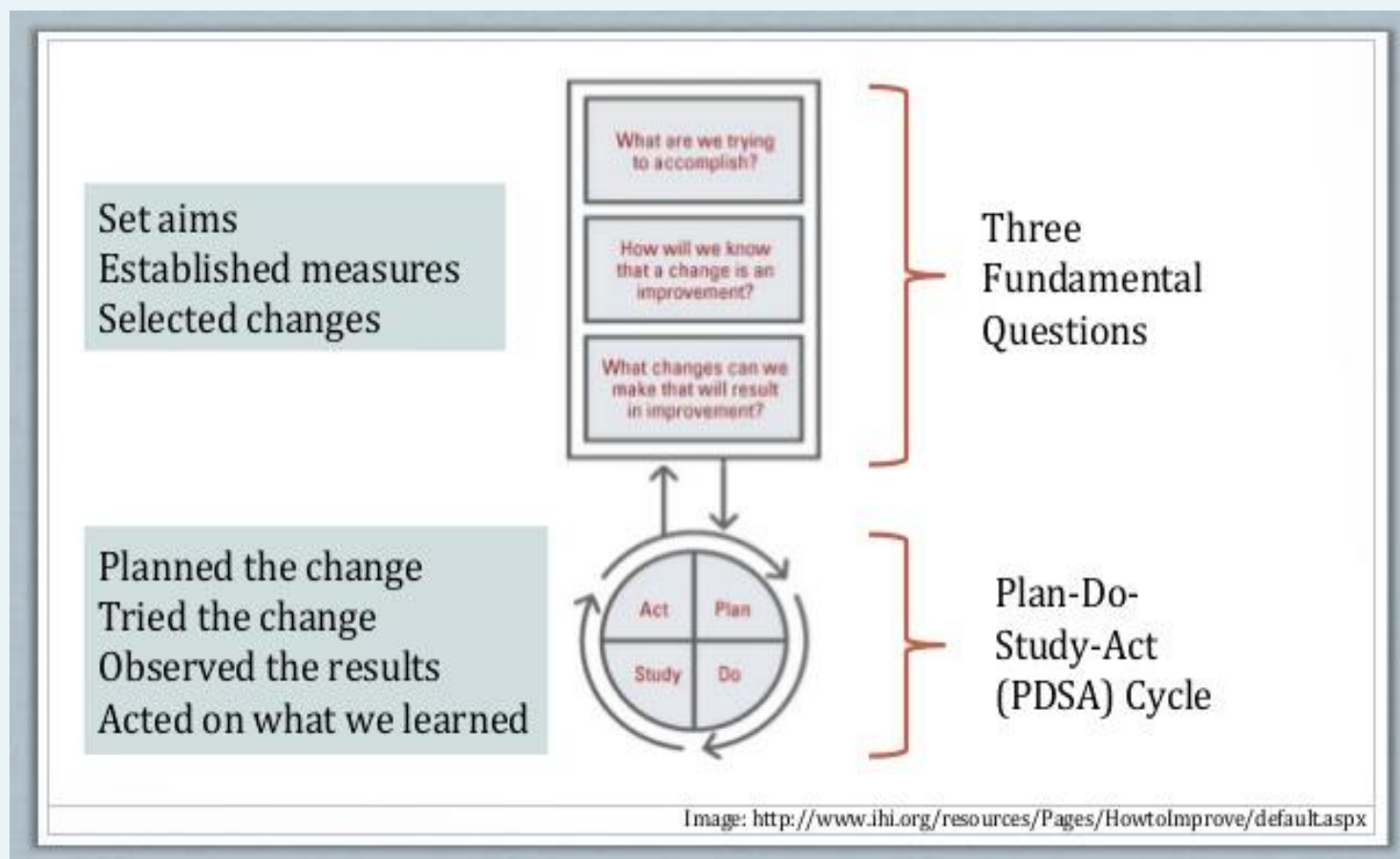
- Hispanic 22%
- Non-Hispanic 78%

## Disabilities:

- Medically Frail 42%
- Physical Disability 29%
- Psychological/Neurological 16%
- Cognitive 10%



# Interventions/Tests of Change



# Data

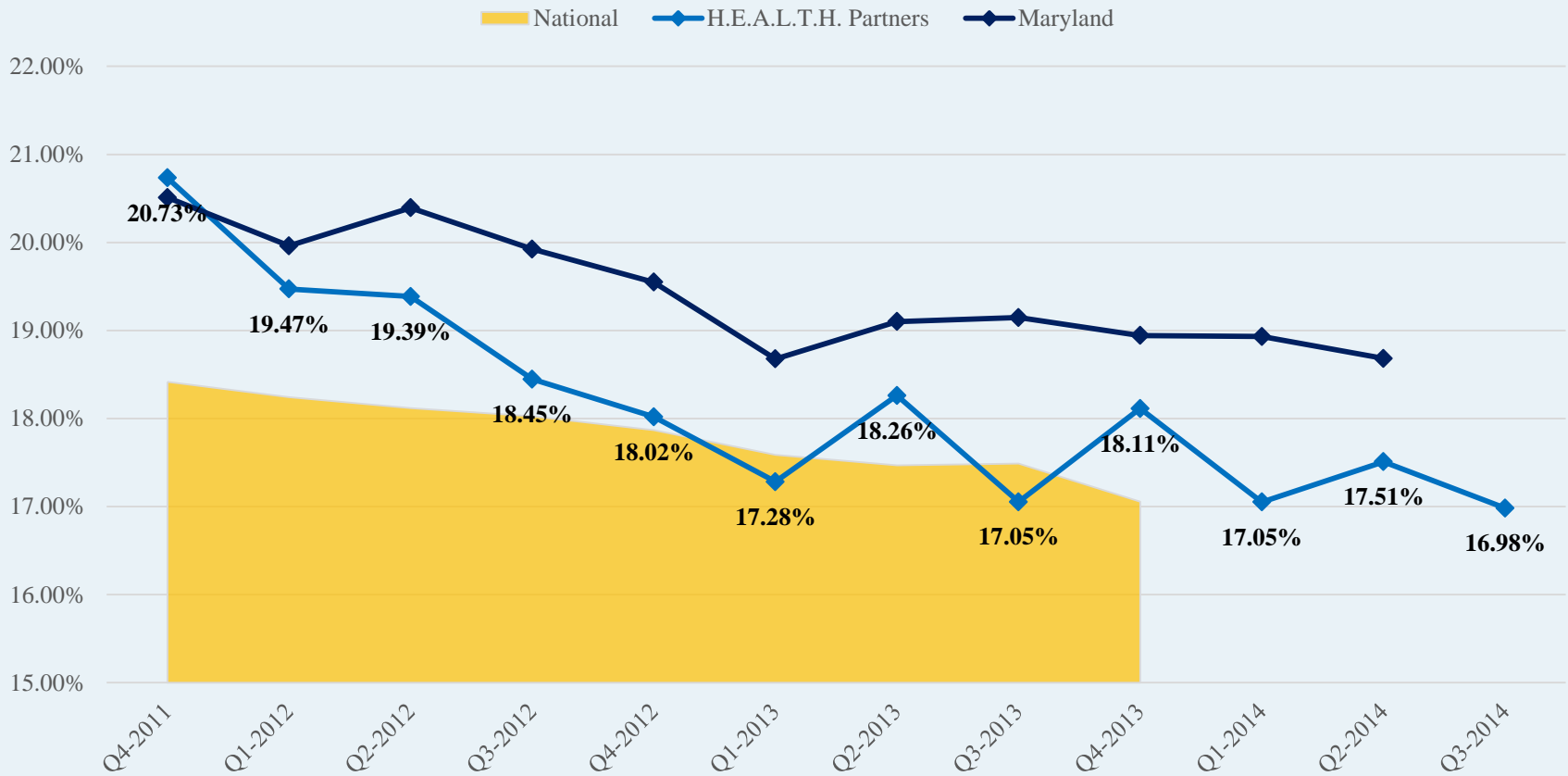
- The H.E.A.L.T.H partners community (Montgomery County has approximately 127,434 Medicare beneficiaries. )
- VHQC provides part A & B claims data and ongoing analysis for communities to assist with the identification of improvement opportunities.
  - Readmissions
  - Admissions
  - ED visits
  - # of days from discharge to readmission
  - Top Diagnoses
  - Specific Focus Areas





# Data

H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners % of Discharges Readmitted Within 30 Days



# Resident Engagement

- Resident Meeting
- Resident Brochure
- Resident Interviews



An unnecessary trip back to the hospital means longer recoveries and higher health care bills. Research indicates that readmission can be avoided with successful health care coordination after discharge. H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners can assist with reducing a patient's risks for an avoidable hospital readmission.

**H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners**

Washington Adventist Hospital  
A Member of American HealthCare

ALFA

API  
Associates in Process Improvement

Care Health

DFMC  
DUMFRIES FOUNDATION  
The Fund

HOC  
MedStar Montgomery Medical Center

HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL

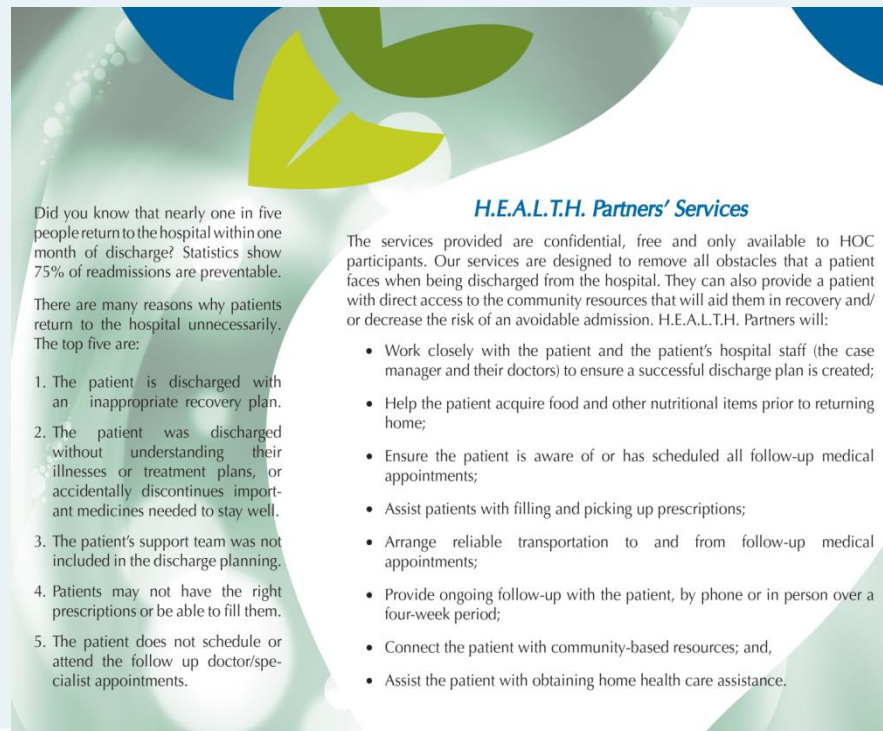
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Introduces  
**H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners**

Hospitals  
Effectively  
Assisting  
Lasting  
Transitions  
Home

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A collaboration with HOC, the County Government, local hospitals, and other health care organizations.



**H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners' Services**

The services provided are confidential, free and only available to HOC participants. Our services are designed to remove all obstacles that a patient faces when being discharged from the hospital. They can also provide a patient with direct access to the community resources that will aid them in recovery and/or decrease the risk of an avoidable admission. H.E.A.L.T.H. Partners will:

- Work closely with the patient and the patient's hospital staff (the case manager and their doctors) to ensure a successful discharge plan is created;
- Help the patient acquire food and other nutritional items prior to returning home;
- Ensure the patient is aware of or has scheduled all follow-up medical appointments;
- Assist patients with filling and picking up prescriptions;
- Arrange reliable transportation to and from follow-up medical appointments;
- Provide ongoing follow-up with the patient, by phone or in person over a four-week period;
- Connect the patient with community-based resources; and,
- Assist the patient with obtaining home health care assistance.

Did you know that nearly one in five people return to the hospital within one month of discharge? Statistics show 75% of readmissions are preventable.

There are many reasons why patients return to the hospital unnecessarily. The top five are:

1. The patient is discharged with an inappropriate recovery plan.
2. The patient was discharged without understanding their illnesses or treatment plans, or accidentally discontinues important medicines needed to stay well.
3. The patient's support team was not included in the discharge planning.
4. Patients may not have the right prescriptions or be able to fill them.
5. The patient does not schedule or attend the follow up doctor/specialist appointments.



# File of Life

- The File of Life consolidates basic health information such as medical history, allergies, medications, and other health-related topics in one place. It is designed to hang by a red magnet on a refrigerator door in case emergency personnel need to assist the occupant of a home
- Completed with the Resident Counselor
- Updated yearly



# Discharge Planning

- Release of Information



Housing  
Opportunities  
Commission  
OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY

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## Authorization to Release Hospital Discharge or Emergency Medical Services Information

I authorize the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) of Montgomery County, Resident Counselor at \_\_\_\_\_ to release and/or receive information from the organizations checked below:

\_\_\_\_\_ Holy Cross Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Medstar Montgomery Medical Center  
\_\_\_\_\_ Washington Adventist Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
\_\_\_\_\_ My Primary Care Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Information to be released and/or received may include:

\_\_\_\_\_ File of life  
\_\_\_\_\_ Discharge plan  
\_\_\_\_\_ EMS notification of response to call from resident  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that my authorization will remain effective from the date of my signature until \_\_\_\_\_ [date], and that the information will be handled confidentially in compliance with all applicable federal laws.

\_\_\_\_\_ I agree that my File of Life, discharge plan and other discharge related information may be in Care2Care, which is a secured database accessible only to HOC Resident Counselors

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that this release is valid when I sign it and that I may withdraw my consent to this release at any time either orally or in writing.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I may see the information that is to be shared with the HOC Resident Counselor and in Care2Care.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that the Resident Counselor will help me connect to my healthcare provider(s) but will not assume responsibility for the health care service delivery.

I hereby state that I have read and fully understand the above statements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Name (printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Resident or Legal Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Patient, if signed by Legal Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Witness

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

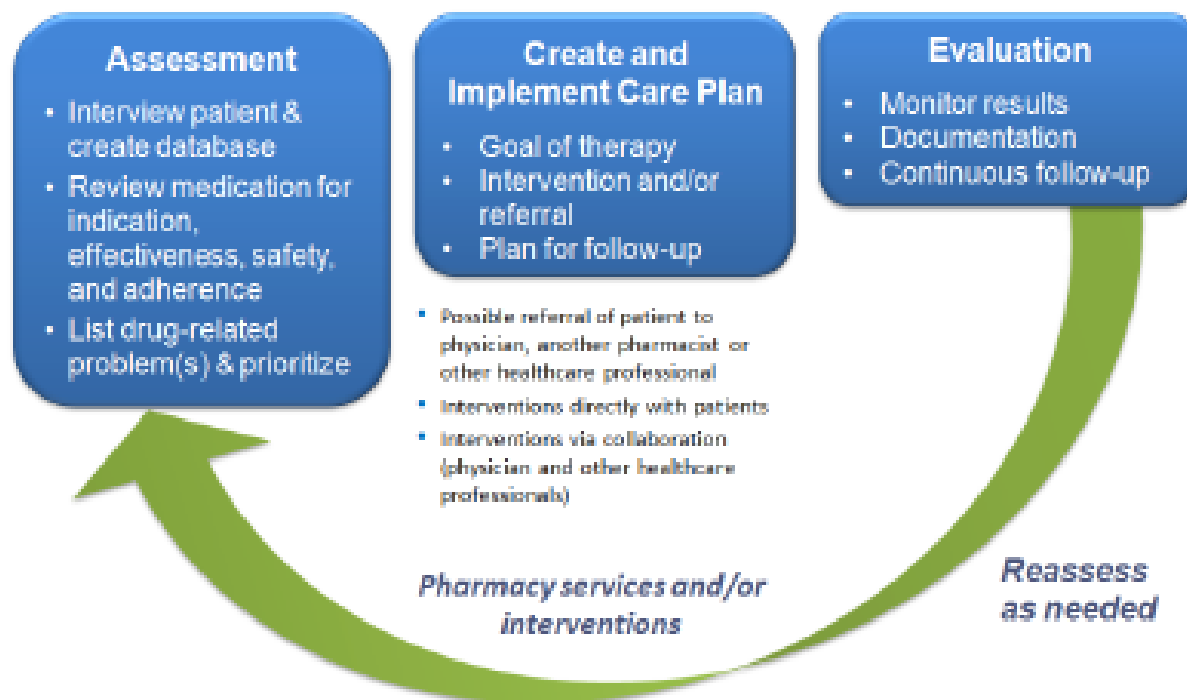


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# Medication Therapy Management



## Pharmacists' Role in Medication Management



This image has been adapted from the Medication Therapy Management (MTM) format outlined by the American Pharmacists Association and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores



# EMS Interventions

## Daily notification

New Hampshire Ave Incident Shift Date 808/09/2014						
Incident	Date	Time	Call Type	Unit	Apartment	Location
14-0090550	08/09/2014	19:02:58	26-A-11	A716	310	10120 New Hampshire Ave.

## Monthly Stats

2014 EMS Visits Holly Hall 2012-2013 Average = 4 per Month													
Building	1/14	2/14	3/14	4/14	5/14	6/14	7/14	8/14	9/14	10/14	11/14	12/14	Total
10100	3	2	4	2	3	3	5	2	1	1	2	4	32
10110	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	3	13
10210	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	2	0	2	2	0	12
Total	3	4	6	2	7	5	7	4	2	5	5	7	57

EMS Visits by Building (2012-2014)				
Building	Apartments	EMS 2012/100 Apartments	EMS 2012/100 Apartments	EMS 2012/100 Apartments
Arcola Towers	141	28	23	48
Elizabeth House	160	23	25	38
Forest Oaks	175	32	33	75
Waverly House	158	46	34	46
Holly Hall	96	55	45	63
Bauer Park	142		13	17
Town Center	112		13	20



# Nursing Interventions

- University of Maryland School of Nursing
- 2 days /week
- Health Education
- Health Screening
- Assessments
- Case Management
- Referral and Follow-up



# Technology

- **Care2Care**
  - Care 2 Care software provides a patient-centered record that consists of the essential care elements, barriers to care and self-management goals to facilitate optimal outcomes as the patient moves through the continuum of care
- **Community Health Gateway**
  - Web and call center solution
  - Easy to understand discharge instructions & medication information
  - Help in navigating healthcare and community services
  - Increased community collaboration





# Successes

- Community Engagement
- Over 60% of residents have signed release of information
- Hospital transitional care teams working together
- EMS notification and follow-up
- MTM with positive outcomes on 9 residents
- On-site nurses
- Introduction of technology to assist in personal health management



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